(b) whether Government have reasons to believe that Pakistan Government is behind this fake Indian currency notes circulation; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) In 2003, as per information compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, fake Indian currency amounting only to Rs.3.5 crores has been recovered/seized in the country.

(b) The possibility of involvemen of sources in Pakistan is not ruled out.

(c) Corrective measures include stepping up of vigilance by the Border Security Force/Customs authorities to prevent smuggling of fake currency; setting up a special unit in the Central Bureau of Investigation exclusively for investigation of counterfeit currency notes; incorporation of special security features in high denomination notes, dissemination of information on security features available in Indian bank notes through print and electronic media for the benefit of the public. As per recommendations of a High Level Committee, additional security features have been recommended for incorporation in the Indian Bank notes which would make counterfeiting extremely difficult.

Trade to Trade deals in BSE

*8. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether SEBI has banned Trade to Trade deals in Bombay Stock Exchange; and

(b) if so, the details of the companies which have been banned and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.